

LAS VEGAS SINGLES



DEBBIE REYNOLDS in Houston, heads for Honolulu for a short vacation, it'll be Rip's first holiday in more than a year. He was star of "Funny Farm" at the Aladdin, and just closed his solo debut at the Sahara Casbar...Comedienne ELMARIE WENDEL back from breaking in her brand new single act on an L.A.-to-Acapulco cruise ship. Ditto, singer DAVID WALKER...THE CELEBRATION, now at the Sahara Casbar, head next for exotic Venezuela to begin their seven month tour with ENGELBERT HUMPERDINCK. KITTY MURRAY, the stunning Monroe-look-alike in the group, flew to Seattle on her day off to film a series of auto commercials. BILL HUDNUT and RICH HERKERT stayed in town to catch some shows 'round town including "VERVE", MARTY ALLEN & LESLIE UGGAMS, BOB GOULET & THE ESTABLISHMENT, LYNNE CARTER & BILLY JOE ROYAL. Actor-singer MICHAEL TAYLOR, a former member of the group, is now one of the stars of "The Dirtiest Show in Town" previewing this week at the Ivar Theater in L.A.....

PETERSON are still looking for just the right male actor-dancer to portray Adam. Call them, at the Royal, for an audition....And people are most definitely talking about femme impressionist LYNNE CARTER, now doing turnaway business at the Flamingo Casino Theater. The hilarious and sophisticated Mr. Carter keeps the jammed packed audience suspended between a gasp (for his uncanny likeness and lightning quick changes) and a giggle for his funny, funny parodies and take-offs on stars like BETTE DAVIS, MARLENE DIETRICH and PEARL BAILEY. Carter's really "hot" these days and his agents are keeping busy fielding new offers for West Coast engagements. The one Lynne likes best, so far, is a deal to work and play in Honolulu in April-May.....

WHO'S WHERE.....THE GOOD HUMOR COMPANY, last here with BOBBY DARIN at the Desert Inn, end their Hawaiian vacation to go back to work at the newly reopened Sherman House, College Inn Room, in Chicago. The GHC opens March 25 for four weeks....New Zealand singing star JOHN ROWLES living it up in South Africa where he has FIVE hit records. John returns to the Outrigger in Hawaii in April and follows that with a date at Harrah's Reno with PHYLLIS DILLER....."BOTTOMS UP" has a week off between their closing at Harrah's, Tahoe and opening at The Losers Club in Dallas, Texas.....

PEOPLE ARE TALKING ABOUT....Flamingo star MARTY ALLEN'S budding and booming movie career. Marty's new flick for United General Theater's production company, "A WHALE OF TALE" is being trimmed for an Easter premiere, and now producer EWING BROWN is readying another script for Allen. Meanwhile, producer BERNIE HERSHENSON flew into town to talk to Marty about a war comedy he'll be filming in England, and Bernie wants him to co-star with JOHN CARRADINE. The film is called "I Smell the Blood of an Englishman", and so far the bushy haired comedy favorite hasn't said yes, no or even "Fee-fi-fo-fum".... BARRY ASHTON'S all new "VERVE - IT STARTED WITH EVE" now at the Union Plaza featuring hilarious ELSA & WALDO, delicious SHEILA BLAIR, chanteuse REGINE CARTIER, and comedy juggler GIL DOVA. Ashton and his partner WOLF KOCHMANN are back in town to start rehearsals on a new edition of the Silver Slipper's "WONDERFUL WORLD OF BURLESQUE" opening in early April....The Royal Las Vegas upcoming nude opus "THE NAKED SIN" now in midnight til dawn rehearsals with MARILYN CARROLL choreographing. At last reports, "Eve" had been decided upon but producers TERRY GORDON and JOE

WEEKEND WANDERERS....LYNNE CARTER'S hilarious femme impressions at the Flamingo Casino Theater at 11:15 and 3:30 a.m.....PETULA CLARK & THE OSMOND BROTHERS at Caesars Palace....Fun for all and always fun - TOMMY MOE RAFT, JANET BOYD, MARINA & MARTIN, GORDON CORNISH in "THE WONDERFUL WORLD OF BURLESQUE" at the Silver Slipper....The stunning visual effects and efforts in the Thunderbird's all-Oriental spectacular, "GEISHA-RELLA".....

STRIP CHATTER....CALLIOPE and SOUP, the rock groups currently playing at the Sahara and the Hilton respectively, are both from the same Phoenix-based management agency, and will be joining forces next to headline a special youth concert at the Convention Center....JOEY BISHOP and BILLY ECKSTINE return to the Sands in May....Cheek to cheek dancing is back again, at the new Desert Inn Skyroom, with DIANNE ELLIOTT & DIANE EDDINGTON as the featured vocalists....STEVE LAWRENCE & EDYIE GORME who rushed in to sub for ailing PETULA CLARK last week, will have their own stand at Caesars Palace opening May 18; TOM JONES will play two dates at the Palace, one in April-May, the other in August....JACK E. LEONARD, just here with THE SUPREMES at the Frontier, and as the final act at the Frontier's Circle F Theater (closing March 8), will be back to co-headline with TRINI LOPEZ at the Desert Inn in June....

JOAN RIVERS now in Boston for a short ten day stint, returns to the West Coast to open The Ye Little Club in Beverly Hills on April 4....RIP TAYLOR, now with

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